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1. Milovan Djilas, who was dismissed from his positions in the Yugoslav government and the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia in early 1954, is today a lonely and bitter man who passes his time reading Chinese philosophy and translating Plekhanov from the Russian.
2. Djilas feels that the steps taken against him at the time of his expulsion were much more severe than can be justified. He intimated strongly that the articles which he wrote which brought about his downfall had been cleared in advance with some high political authority; he was apparently led to believe that his criticisms had the backing of the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia.
3. At present, Djilas is politically isolated. He feels that only one person stood by him in his trial and that person is not Vladimir Dedijer. Among his few friends are one high Communist Party official and two non-party government officials. Djilas recently stated: "I am not a Communist. I am a Socialist. Once I felt that Russian Communism was the only honest course and I was 100 percent in favor of it." Now he indicates that he is very much opposed to Communism as it appears in Yugoslavia.
4. Well-informed sources in Belgrade indicate that Tito may have wanted a less harsh judgment against Djilas. They name Mosa Pijade as the person who pressed the case against Djilas. It is stated that the anti-Djilas sentiment at the time of the plenary session at which Djilas was expelled was too strong even for Tito to stand against.

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